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RECONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING IN POLAND

RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN OLSZTYN WOJEWODZTWO --- Polska Ludowa, No 32, 17 Mar 49

In the last few years, much has been done to rebuild Glastyn Wojswodstwe. However, there is still much to be done. Among the first items in the reconstruction plan is the rebuilding of railroad lines, bridges, canals, and war-damaged farmsteads; control of rivers, drainage of meadowlands, etc..

It is planned that during 1949, three railroad lines will be reconstructed at a cost of 133,200,000 zlotys. The narrow-gauge railroad line on the Slawsko-Ryn route, 44 railroad bridges and culverts, and a repair shop in Mragowo will be rebuilt.

In addition, the city of Olavagn will be reconstructed. Approximately 100 new dwellings will be built for railroad employees. Work has been begun on a new hospital for railroad workers and on new railroad repair shops. The investment credits for all this work have already been approved by the Ministry of Communications and the Ministry of Reconstruction.

The various waterways are next in importance on the reconstruction program. Since this województwo has a great number of rivers and lakes connected by canals, water routes are a vital part of the transportation system. A credit of 45 million złotych has already been allotted by the Państwowy Zarząd Drog Wodnych (State Waterways Administration) in Augustów and Giszynko for the completion of reconstruction work on the Augustów canal. During 1949, the two sluices, one at Sosnow and another at Borki, will also be completed. A sector of the canal will be deepened and work will be done to preserve the shores of the canal. The dredging of the Lyny River was begun in 1948 with favorable results. The water level has gone down 60 centimeters, permitting the drainage of 50 hectares of meadowland. In the spring of 1949 further work of this type is to be continued.

The new Program H is making good progress. Already 10,000 head have been contracted for. The leading powiaty were Biskupiec, Bartoszyce, and Ridzica. Thirty-five million zlotys have been paid to hog breeders as advance payment on the contracted livestock.

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The TOR (Techniczna Obsluga Rolnictwa, Agricultural Technical Service) in this wojewodztwo has serviced 749 tractors, fulfilling the plan 200% (Fig.). An additional 116 tractors will be ready for use by the end of the specified time. The workers will also service, after working hours, 130 tractors owned by the TOR that will be used in connection with the reclamation of fallow lands.

In 1948, at a cost of 385 million zlotys, 6,963 farms were rebuilt which was 107.5 percent of the plan. It is planned that during 1949, 2,406 farms will be rebuilt as well as 69 rural schools, five children's homes, and 17 buildings for cooperative members.

The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare has allotted 214,254,000 zlotys to Olsztyn Wojewodztwo for children's hospitals, welfare centers for mothers and children, better hospitals, etc.

The 17,660,000 zlotys allotted by the Ministry of Education is to be used as follows: libraries, 8,310,000 zlotys; trade schools, 1,400,000 zlotys; primary schools, 7,250,000 zlotys; and kindergarten schools, 780,000 zlotys.

The Ministry of Culture and Arts allotted a quota of 21 million zlotys to be used for urban theaters, music schools, museums, and for the preservation of historical places.

15.6 BILLION ZLOTYS FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES -- Trybuna Ludu, No 67, 9 Mar 49

It is estimated that in the State budget for 1949, 15.6 billion zlotys will be used for construction purposes. This work will be done by the SEP (Spoleczne Przedsiębiorstwo Budowlane, Civic Construction Enterprise).

The greater part of the construction work during 1949 will be concentrated in Slask, Kyrzeze, and Warsaw. In April, construction work will begin on a power plant in Jaworzno, which will take 4-5 years for completion and will cost 400 billion zlotys.

In Slask, work will resume on a 150-kilometer railroad line -- original work begun in 1947 -- running between the Biedowska wastelands and the coal mines. This line will be used for transportation of sand for filling in abandoned shafts.

The SEP will also construct a tobacco factory for the Panstwowy Monopol Tytoniowy (State Tobacco Monopoly) in Czynzyn, to be one of the most modern tobacco factories in Europe. Construction will be completed in 1950.

In addition, the SEP will continue its construction work in the ports of Szczecin and Gdynia.

Out of the 15.6 billion zlotys allotted for construction, 4.5 billions are assigned for residential construction. The residential construction project will be started in the more industrialized areas such as Slask, Szczecin, and Gdynia, Poznan, and Warsaw.

The SEP is now making preliminary preparations for all this construction work. Building material has been ordered from the USSR. Some has been ordered from Germany as war reparations. It is estimated that at least 27,000 persons will be employed in various construction projects.

BRICK AND ROOFING TILE PRODUCTION INCREASES -- Trybuna Ludu, No 68, 10 Mar 49

In connection with building developments, 15 brick kilns in Krakow have increased their 1949 production plan. Production of red solid bricks in 1949 will

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be 80 percent greater than in 1948; hollow tile production, 300 percent greater; and roofing tiles, 116 percent greater.

In January, the Tarnowianka brick kilns achieved 150 percent of the plan for bricks and 300 percent for roofing tiles; the Konstancja brick kilns achieved 102 percent of the plan for bricks and 202 percent for roofing tiles.

Some brick kilns did not stop production even during February, the most severe winter month. The Tarnowianka brick kilns produced 342,000 cruise roofing tiles during February as against a planned production of 100,000.

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